



BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Strachan's Weekly Update

We have started developing a "High Five" or varsity list of the most serious and frequent offenders, as part of our focus to make Bremerton a less hospitable locale for those who choose to keep causing problems and going through the system. We will eventually be making the list public, but last week rolled out our internal list along with a "Filthy Three" list of problem residences to receive extra patrol attention.

We had a problem that I really should have expected. The list, which was supposed to last two weeks, resulted in three of the five on the list being in custody within three hours. In seeking them out, officers also located two people with Dept. of Corrections warrants. We are working with the Dept. of Corrections to be a critical part of our evolving "high five" list. Early results are good, and hopefully the word will continue to get around-this is not the place to be for the "frequent flyers."

Here is a summary from Sgt. Endicott's evening shift the first day we issued the list:

Today the "Bremerton's High Five" list came out and approximately 90 minutes after line up the first member of that club was apprehended. While checking the residence for that suspect we tripped over another frequent flyer that had a Corrections warrant and a Bremerton Municipal Court Domestic Violence Assault warrant. Although not in the High Five Club we provided him a temporary membership and arrested him as well. Over the next few hours we apprehended two more of the High Five Club. All were advised that warrants in Bremerton will always result in trips to jail. The last suspect arrested on his three active warrants was a bit perplexed that we did not understand the concept that misdemeanor warrants don't go to jail. He was stunned to see his photo on the most wanted sheet...

Here's our almost weekly reminder of why improvements in the mental health system are needed. Officers Steven Forbragd and Mike Nelson responded to a fast food restaurant in regards to a man making threats to employees and customers. They located the man behind a nearby strip mall and when they attempted to arrest him on an outstanding felony arrest warrant, the fight began. Even after more officers arrived, the man complied only when a Taser was used. The man was uninjured and later apologized for his behavior. He boasted, "I'm straight up, Western State", apparently in reference his obvious mental health issues. He even had the State of California 10-code for "Mental Patient" (51-50) tattooed on his back and repeatedly stated, "Satan is in the burger!!" As I keep on saying, every community is seeing more and more people with untreated mental illness in the community having violent interactions with residents and police.

On a much better note, our Records staff received a call last week from a citizen who said she had to call 911 for an incident occurring in her neighborhood. She said the officer was there "very fast--within 3 minutes or so." She wanted us to know the officer was extremely nice and made an effort to do some extra patrols after the incident. The Officer was Mike Nelson, and we really appreciate when people take the time to pass along recognition of good work.

Finally, Thursday was the Torch Run for Special Olympics, which went from the north end of the county to the Pierce-Kitsap County line. Special thanks to Lt. Genie Elton of the

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Sheriff's Office and Det. Aaron Elton of BPD for their hard work on this event. Below is a photo of Sheriff Boyer taking the hand-off from me at the Bremerton Marina before we handed it off to the KCSO Marine Unit to go across the inlet to Port Orchard. Between the Sheriff and me, we ran at least ten feet with the torch. The real runners, who ran from Highway 303 and Riddell Road to the marina, are featured in a photo [here](#), which included members of the Bremerton Police Department pictured with cadets from the Washington Youth Academy and Special Olympians.

Take special note in the newspaper photo of Capt. Wolfe, at the far left. Everyone else is dry and well-rested, while Capt. Wolfe appears to have run under a sprinkler of some sort. He also looks very tired. Not sure what happened.

Many thanks to everyone who helped out with this great cause!



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